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item, the company has greater merit. Thus, when the user requests for purchasing the new item and picking up the old item, the company may give a special favor to the user when the user requests for purchasing the new item and picking up the old item. Such a special favor may be, for example, free (charge) service of printer ink or printing papers or a merchandise coupon which can be used at the store. Such a special favor can be applied to both the case where the request is effected through the terminal equipment and the case where the purchasing of the new item and picking up of the old item is requested. Further, such a special favor may be given to the user after the completion of the purchasing of the new item and picking up of the old item or the picking up of the item is ascertained through the database 51 (Fig. 5). --.

In the Abstract

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 29, line 2 and ending at page 29, line 19 as follows:

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-- With the changing of the times, it is guessed that, in the near future, of not only home electric equipment but also office automation equipment such as printers for recycling would be under an obligation to be collected for recycling. Since the collection of such home electric equipment or the office automation equipment is a burden to the user or the collector, an efficiently collecting method has been desired or required. In order to solve the above problem, it is provided that a communication method suitable for effecting purchasing of a new item or picking-up of an item to be recycled, comprising the steps of designating request for purchasing a new item or picking up an item, designating a place where the purchasing or picking-up is performed, and notifying the designated request and the designated place to an external place through a network.